of technical feasibility and financial viability. In regard to all the three projects mentioned above, the matter has been referred back to the Governments of West Bengal, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh respectively, seeking clarifications regarding the financial viability, costing and funding mechanisms.

The final decisions on the projects would be dependent on the financial viability of the project, satisfactory funding arrangements being worked out with the State Govts./Local Bodies and on the total quantum of funds that would be made available for urban transport projects in the Eighth Five Year Plan.

Proposal for connecting Macherla station with Angole station by a Railway line

1374. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to connect by a meter gauge line to Macherla station in Guntur district, Andhra Pradesh with Ongole station in Prakesam district, so as to reduce the distance between New Delhi and Madras;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) whether there is a time frame within which it should be taken up, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Functioning of drug addiction centres in the country

1375. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of drug deaddiction centres functioning in different States as on date:

(b) the number of those out of the above being run by the voluntary organisations in different states; and

(c) what are the facilities provided by Government for these centres?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) As on date, 36 Drug de-addiction centres have been sanctioned in different States by the Ministry of Welfare.

(b) All the centres sanctioned by this Ministry are being run by the voluntary organisations.

(c) Of the total cost of running the centres, 90 per cent which includes recurring and non-recurring expenditures on medical and para medical staff, rental, expenditure on medicines and other miscellaneous items are met by the Ministry of Welfare. Financial Assistance is also provided for purchase of vehicles wherever required.

देश में बड़ी लाइन, मीटर लाइन तथा छोटी लाइनों की लम्बाई

1376. डॉ० अबरार अहमद खान : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) आजादी के बाद से अब तक देश में बिछायी गयी बड़ी लाइन, मीटर लाइन तथा छोटी रेल लाइनों की लम्बाई कितनी है, तथा वे किन-किन राज्यों में बिछाई गयीं और उन पर कितनी लागत आयी ;

(ख) राजस्थान में इन तीन श्रेणियों के अंतर्गत आने वाली रेल लाइनों की लम्बाई कितनी है और इस समय पूरे देश में इन रेल लाइनों की लम्बाई के मुकाबले उनका प्रतिशत कितना है ;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि राजस्थान में कौन-कौन सी नई रेल लाइनें बिछायी जा रही हैं अथवा बिछाये जाने का विचार है राज्य में किन-किन नदियों पर मध्यम से पुलों का निर्माण किया जायेगा; इसके लिए पर कितनी लागत आयेगी और उनका निर्माण कब किया जायेगा; किन-किन स्थानों पर कब ऊपरी पुलों का निर्माण किया जायेगा ; और

(घ) सवाईमाधोपुर रेलवे स्टेशन से बजरिया तक ऊपरी पुल का निर्माण कब तक किये जाने की सम्भावना है ?

रेल मंत्री (श्री जॉर्ज फर्नान्डीज) : (क) से (घ) सूचना इकट्ठी की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

Paddy crop cultivation

1377. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the area under cultivation of Paddy crop in Rabi and Kharif Seasons during the last three years in different states;

(b) whether there has been any increase in area under cultivation of paddy crop in eastern zone as per the targets set up; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) A statement giving area under rice/paddy Statewise for Kharif and Rabi Seasons during the last three years is annexed. [*See* Annexure No. 59].

(b) and (c) Long term compound growth rate of area in respect of rice/paddy had been observed to be positive in respect of the major States in the Eastern part of the country except Bihar and Orissa as given below:—

State	Compound Growth Rate (1967-68 to 1988-89) Per cent per Annum
Assam	0.67
Bihar	—0.12
Madhya Pradesh	0.81
Orissa	—0.34
Uttar Pradesh	1.14

The targets of aera, as such, are not fixed by the Government.

Central Plant Protection Centre, Hyderabad

1378. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Plant Protection Centre at Rajendra Nagar, Hyderabad is being raised to the status of deemed University;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) what are the present activities of the Centre; and

(d) whether the above Centre has any tie up with Andhra Pradesh Agricultural University or IARI, New Delhi?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) The Centre organises undertakes:

(i) Long term and short term courses in various disciplines of plant protection technology largely for the benefit of extension functionaries and unemployed agricultural graduates;

(ii) Workshops and Seminars for exchange of latest technological developments in plant protection; and

(iii) Adaptive research in plant protection.

(d) Yes, Sir.

देश में बेरोजगारी की स्थिति

1379. डा. अबरार अहमद खान : क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) इस समय देश में रोजगार केन्द्रों के पास दर्ज बेरोजगारों तथा अर्ध-बेरोजगारों की संख्या कितनी है । शिक्षित तथा अशिक्षित बेरोजगार